LAST YEAR'S IMPORT RECORD FREE ELECTRIC SHOCKS IN PARK ROW.

IS REMARKABLE AS THAT OF EXPORTS, BUT FOR AN OPPOSITE REASON.

HE SMALLEST TOTAL OF ANY CALENDAR YEAR FOR MORE THAN A DECADE-LES-SONS TO BE DRAWN FROM THE TREASURY FIGURES.

washington. Jan. 14 (Special).—The import record the calendar year 1838 is as remarkable as its sport record, but for an opposite reason. The total sport record, but for an opposite reason. The total sports of the year are less than those of any slendar year in more than a decade, while the sports of the year are the largest on record. The sports of the year are the largest on record. The sports of the year are the largest on record. mports fall more than \$100,000,000 below those of \$97, and nearly \$50,000,000 below those of the years great depression, 1896 and 1894, on which occaif great utilities were phenomenally light. That does the importations in the early part of 1838 should the importations in the early part of 1838 should have been light was not surprising, because of the leavy imports in certain lines before the enactment I the tarts law of 1897, but that they should conlight during the entire year in the face of rge home demand, which prosperous business be large usual defination which prosperous business, tenditions would naturally create, has proved sur-grising to those following closely the developments

The importation of a full year's supply of wool, pugar and other articles of that class just before be enactment of the Dingley law naturally had a marked effect in reducing the imports in the closbig months of the calendar year 1897, but that the imports of the closing months of 1898 should remain s low as those of 1897 is a matter of considerable

November imports in 1898 are no greater than those in November, 1897, and the eleven months of 1898, when compared with the correconding months of 1897 or 1893, show a remarkction in certain classes of imports.

The figures of the Treasury Bureau of Statistics, presenting the imports in detail for November and for the eleven months ending with November, show some interesting facts regarding the import trade of the year. The importations of breadstuffs in the eleven months ending with November were only a months of 1897, the largest reduction being in barley, which fell from 790,357 bushels in the eleven months 749,145 bushels in the eleven months of 1996, to 79,238 bushels in the corresponding months of 188; while catmeal, which in the eleven months of 1896 was more than one million pounds, was in 188 but about a quarter of a million pounds. Chemicals, which up to this time have shown little disposition to leave the American market to American

Manufactures of cotton show a marked decrease, falling from \$23,30,859 in 1897 to \$23,080,349 in 1898. Earthen, stone and china ware fall from \$9,180,067 in 1595, and \$8,024,205 in 1897, to \$6,800,379 in 1898, manufactures of iron and steel fall from \$18,559,414 in the eleven months of 1896, and \$12,776,315 in the eleven months of 1897, to \$11.480,043 in the corre-

sponding period of 1898. On the other hand, articles used by manufact-NI.542211 in the eleven months of 1898, against \$12,-56,602 in the corresponding months of 1897, and \$11,-236,506 in the corresponding months of 1896. The imports of hides in the eleven months of 1895 amounted in value to \$36,208,400, against \$30,282,367 in the corresponding months of 1897 and \$17,015,228 in the corresponding months of 1896.

India rubber imports in the eleven months of 1898 amount to \$22,712,185 in value, against \$19,116,163 in the corresponding months of 1897 and \$12,867,579 in the eleven months of 1898.

Raw silk imports for the eleven months of 1898 are double those of the corresponding months of 1896, though slightly less than those of 1897, when the imports were unusually large. Wool imports in 1888 are, of course, far below those of 1897, those of that year having been more than double the everage year's importations of foreign wool. Sugar imports have nearly regained their normal average, the total for December being over 300,000,000 pounds and for the full year 3.417.001.553 pounds, against 4,101,211,595 pounds in the preceding year and 4,108,-

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1888 1889 1860	823,389,201 828,720,943 876,180,671	1894 1895 1896 1867 1808	Imports, . \$676,312,104 . 801,990,347 . 681,579,556 . 742,631,359 . 635,600,000

HORSE AND CARRIAGE TRADE NOTES.

A QUIET BUSINESS WEEK THE RESULT OF UN-PLEASANT WEATHER.

The most noteworthy affair this week will be a special sale of harness horses by W. D. Grand at the American Horse Exchange on next Thursday evening. The consignment comes from the stables be examined for three days before the sale, and on Wednesday evening they will be specially ex-hibited in harness for the benefit of intending purchasers. In the lot are eleven matched pairs, to 18 hands, all high actors and suitable for almost any purpose, and six single horses, cob, dogcart and saddle. Every horse in the lot shows fine quality and good breeding.

At the Durland Riding Academy a lot of fine hightrained saddle-horses will be placed on sale in the early part of next week. They are being shipped from the South and will probably arrive within a few days.

Hedges, Seaman & Co. will begin this year's sales on January 20, 21 and February 1 and 2, with an important sale of highbred trotters. This firm will hold monthly sales at the American Horse Exchange during the entire year, with the exception of July and August. The initial sale will comprise from a hundred and fifty to two hundred head. The catalogue is now nearly completed.

Frank Van Linder, for many years prominently identified with Browster & Co., has joined his fortunes to those of the Blaurock Carriage Company, partnership interest. Mr. Van Linder's popularity and characteristic energy will no doubt result in a large extension of the business of the Blaurock Company.

Nothing new is to be recorded of the present conof the week has accentuated the prevailing duiness of husiness. Everywhere an unusually brisk spring trade is anticipated. David T. Wilson, of Flandrau & Co., said the other day that their factory was kept fairly busy with special orders for expensive vehicles, most of which call for delivery in the early apring. At the other leading carriage-houses in this city a similar condition of affairs ex-lsts.

Business continues good at the big carriage-house. of Van Tassell & Kearney, in Thirteenth-st., near Third-ave. Many good sales were made from their immense stock in the last week and the carriages sold were principally of the more expensive sort, such as broughams, buses and rockaways. firm's regular auctions of seasoned horses, good second-hand carriages, narness, etc., on Tuesday end Friday hast were very satisfactory. Manager Elliot Lafetra, in charge of the coach-horse department, keeps doing something all the time. The sicek at this stable contains some grand lookers and would well repay the attention of any one looking for a good pair or a single high-stepper.

Edward Callanan's Son, No. 57 West Forty-fourthat, reports business as rather slow in New-York, but the repair department is being kept busy overhauling spring and summer carriages. There are several broughams finished in the rough. The lat-ter will be finished and trimmed to suit the buyer, which should suit those who may want them.

REPORT OF A BUILDING-LOAN COMPANY. The New-York Building-Loan Banking Comof No. 111 Fifth-ave., in its ninth annual report, dated January 1, shows that last year was exceedingly prosperous. The assets now amount to \$4.215,629 83, of which \$2,233,477.67 is in loans on bond and mortgage, and it surveys is in loans on bond and mortgage, and it surveys is in real estate pur-chased for members. The company has carned and credited its usual large dividends, has added a sub-stantial amount to its surplus, increased its assets hearly il 250,000 and its share capital about \$5,000,000. The surveys is total subscribed share capital about \$25,-\$00,000. It issues various forms of investment.

CURRENT COMMUNICATED TO PEDESTRIANS FROM

Pedestrians passing along Park Row last night in front of No. 11 were startled as they passed over the rise in the sidewalk to the next building north after receiving the peculiar sensation jumped into the air and turned around to see what caused it.

A crowd soon collected which blocked the side waik. This attracted the attention of Policeman Schmidt, who, on investigation, soon found out that an electric wire which runs from the Edisor the sidewalk, to the building at No. 11, was fur nishing free shocks to all who happened to step on that particular part of the sidewalk over the cables. The whole trouble, it is said, was due to the wet sidewalk and ground beneath, which con ducted enough of an electric current to the surface to startle any one who trod at that point.

The case was reported at the Oak-st. police sta tion, and the company was informed. Later a plank was placed over the spot. The crowd then dispersed, but not before an Irishman, who had received a shock, had become indignant, and had called a clerk out of a cigar store at No. 11 and soundly beratted him for having such a dangerous current on the sidewalk.

SUITOR THRASHES A LAWYER.

FEDERAL BUILDING IN RETURN FOR COMMENTS IN COURT.

A suit brought by Edward P. Sholl & Co., of No. 11 Broadway, and other petitioners, to have Angelo F. Ghiglione, a manufacturer of macaroni, at No. has been on trial in the United States District Court before Judge Addison Brown and a jury since Wednesday last. It was the first bankruptcy case to be tried before a jury, and the summing up by counsel on both sides and the charge of Judge Brown were exhaustive. The case was given to the jury yesterday afternoon.

As Ferdinand Bullowa of counsel for the defence, left the courtroom after the jury had retired, he was followed by E. P. Sholl, one of the complainants. In the corridor just outside the courtroom Sholl stepped up to Bullowa, who was talking with Jacob Kling, of counsel for the petitioners, and said that he would give him an opportunity to apologize for what he had said about him during the summing up of the case. Mr. Bullowa said he had nothing to apologize for. Sholl position to leave the American market to American manufacturers, showed a total importation of \$38,-62,190 in the eleven months of 1898 against \$40,955,215 in the corresponding months of 1898 and \$41,272,547 in the corresponding months of 1896.

Coffee shows a marked reduction, though this 's more apparent than real, because of a reduction in price the number of pounds imported in the eleven months of 1898 being greater than in the eleven months of 1898 being greater than in the eleven months of 1898, or in any preceding eleven months in the history of the country, though the value falls from \$20,203,352 in the eleven months of 1898.

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Earthen, stone and china ware fall from \$1,180,671 in 1898, and immediately caught the lawyer by the throat with

DETECTIVE-SERGEANT LAWLESS DEAD.

John E. Lawless, who had served on the police day afternoon at the Post-Graduate Hospital from an abscess of the liver. He served under Captains urers show an increase Vegetable fibres, including hemp, flax, jute butts, stal grass, etc., amount to central office.

Few men were better known than "Happy Jack" Lawless, the nickname his friends gave him for his happy disposition. He had a large acquaintance in the theatrical profession. Years ago he did good work in the streetcar strike in this city. At that time he was severely injured internally. His death now was directly due to the terrible beating he then received. He was a member of Lotus Lodge No. 31, F, and A. M., and of the Order of United Workmen. He leaves a widow and four children. Sergeant Lawless's funeral will be held at his home, No. 69 Amsterdam-ave., this afternoon at 1 o'clock. The burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

OPERA SINGERS TO BE GUESTS.

The German Charity Ball, which takes place in the Metropolitan Opera House on February 2, under the auspices of the Bachelor Circle (Deutscher Liederkranz), Jung Arion and Beethoven Bachelors (Beethoven Mönnerchor), will eclipse all fits prede-cessors. Nearly all the boxes have already been subscribed for, and the committee is erecting stage boxes on the floor of the house.

One of the chief and interesting features, besides the decorations and illuminations, will be the pres-

ence of the operatic stars engaged this year in German opera. They will be among the guests of honor, and will take part in the opening polonaise. The public then will have a good opportunity of seeing these notables in other than their stage

LOCAL BUSINESS COMPLICATIONS.

Justice Giegerich, of the Supreme Court, has appointed Henry Atterbury receiver for the property in this State of the Chelsea Paper Manufacturing Company, of Norwich, Conn., which had an offic at No. 140 Nassau-st. Mr. Atterbury was appointed at No. 149 Nassau-st. Mr. Atterbury was appointed receiver in Connecticut in November last with a bond of \$75,000. The bond here was fixed at \$12,000. It was learned that there were about \$5,000 assets in this State, for which the receiver was appointed here.

Judge O'Dwyer, of the City Court, has appointed John N. Lewis, jr., receiver in supplementary proceedings for Phillip S. Saitta, Italian labor contrator, on the application of Jacob Hartman, a judg-ment creditor for \$503. It was developed that Mr. Salita had property which could not be reached by the execution, which included \$440 on deposit with a banking firm.

Schedules of Julius Weille & Co., manufacturers of ostrich feathers, at No. 119 Mercer-st., show liabilities of \$17,287, nominal assets, \$3,326, and actual assets, \$1,314.

Judgment for \$15,793 was entered yesterday against Jennie Graham, in favor of Benjamin B. Odeli, jr. and Edward H. Hobbs, as receiver of the Murray Hill Bank, on nine notes made by her authorized attorney, Thomas Graham, formerly builder in 1896, and indorsed by him. These no were found among the assets of the bank.

THE PRINT CLOTH MARKET.

Fall River, Mass., Jan. 14 (Special).-The cloth ward, although the trustees have not yet pegged wide goods are selling higher than that basis but manufacturers will not contract beyond the last of trustees, although there are plenty of offers in

The business of the week amounted to about 200,000 pieces, but much more could have been done if the present basis had been accepted for March contracts. A couple of brokers in town have ordercontracts. A couple of brokers in town have orders for more than 200,000 pieces for March delivery, at the ruling quotations, but they have not been able to fill them. In fact this unwillingness led to a report widely circulated to the effect that the trustees would be discharged after February, but it was wholly without foundation. From all that appears now, the present method of seiling will be continued indefinitely, and if the present trustees do not act, which is wholly improbable, others will be appointed to act in their place. The brokers, who it first thought the new method of seiling would not be satisfactory, are now of the opinion that it was the best thing ever devised. The market is steady and firm at % cents.

GUESTS AT THE HOT SPRINGS.

Hot Springs, Va., Jan. 14 (Special) .- Among th stead this week are C. M. May, Mr. and Mrs. N. Stetson, Miss Stetson, Mrs. F. L. M. Masury, Mrs. M. J. Phelps, Miss Phelps, Mrs. James A. Waish, M. N. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore H. Banks, William Grant, D. M. Hurley, D. M. Hurley, jr., and Miss Hurley.

INCORPORATED AT ALBANY.

Albany, Jan. 14.-The following stock companies were incorporated to-day:

St. Lawrence County Agricultural Society, of Canton; capital, \$600. Directors, Albert T. Martyn, John A. Clark, Worth Chamberlain, James E. Johnson, Leslie W. Russell, J. Fred Hammond, E. H. Gilbert and P. Reid McManagle, of Canton. Crescent-Standard-Enterprise Laundry Company, of Rochester; capital, \$3,990. Directors, George W. Carpenter, John O. Brewster, G. T. Scofield and A. H. Cobb, of Rochester.

Italian Pharmaceutical Association of the State of New-York, with its principal business in New-York City. Directors, Henry Marini, John J. Maffia and Alfred Cuoci, of New-York.

East Side Traction Company, of Syracuse; capitat, 2400,690. Directors, William G. Tracy, George D. Chapman, C. M. Warner, F. M. Bonta, Ö. R. Leonard, M. C. Pierce, John T. Nash, Francis J. Webb and Clinton S. Carr, of Syracuse.

B. Altmand Co.

Enumerate prominent values for Monday, January 16th, in their Departments of Furs, Ladies' Boots, Fancy Silks and Cotton Dress Fabrics,

LADIES' BOOTS.

1.500 Pairs of Ladies' Kid Button and Laced Boots of excellent quality, in modern shapes, the regular prices of which are \$3.50 and \$4.00 per pair, at - - . \$2.68

FURS.

Mink Scarfs, with Tails,			٠	*		\$7.75
Stone Marten, Scarfs with	Tails,				•	13.50
Alaska Sable Collarettes,						12.75
Brown Fox Sets (Muff and	Anima	al Sca	rf),	-	•	16.50
Blue Fox Cluster Scarfs,			100			10.50
Persian Lamb Muffs,				\$5.7	5 a	nd 9.25
Mink Muffs,		3				7.85
Alaska Sable Muffs (Larg	e Size	, .				6.75
Fur Lined Capes (Alaska						
Persian Lamb Jackets, .						
Alaska Seal Jackets, .						
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including select styles in Javanaise Challies, Toile de Jouy, Nanzouk, Madras, Oxfords, Mousseline de l'Inde, Dimities, Gauzes and French and English Piques.

Special to-morrow (Monday) SCOTCH ZEPHYRS, in Stripes, Plaids and Fancy Effects, regular value 25c. and 32c., at . .

Eighteenth Street, Nineteenth Street and Sixth Avenue.

STEINITZ QUITS MANHATTAN CHESS CLUB.

REMARKS BY JUDGE JEROME OFFENDED THE VETERAN CHAMPION-ACTION TAKEN BE-

yesterday when it became known that William Steinitz, ex-champion of the world, had handed to the Manhattan Chess Club his resignation as an onorary member, the announcement of its receipt election of officers having been hitherto suppressed It may be remembered that within the last two years Harry N. Pillsbury, the American champlor also resigned, owing to some misunderstanding with a member who, Pillsbury said, took Pillsbury's umbrella, and whom the club declined to discipline Steinitz's grievance, however, is of an entirely different nature, and calls attention to the status of the club in its relation to the professional players, new officers who are said to be of a broader and more liberal turn of mind than the retiring officers, and it is doubtful whether the same action would have been taken by them in regard to the champion's resignation as the old Board saw fit to

take at the end of its term of office. Mr. Steinitz was seen at his office, No. 529 Broadway, yesterday, when he said that in view of the club's having hushed the matter up he himself justified in making public the affair. He

About three years ago the report reached me in St. Petersburg that a speech had been made at the annual meeting of the club by Judge Jerome. In which he said: "This is not a club for professional players. Any two gentlemen may sli down to play a game of chess without prostituting it by playing for money." He was loudly applauded by a majority of the members present. My prospective match with Schiffers at the time and other European engagements prevented my return, but I sent word by Pillsbury and others that if I had been in New-York I would have moved the expulsion of the learned Judge then and there. In case this did not meet the approval of the two-thirds vote necessary, my resignation would have been hanced in forthwith.

Mr. Steinitz in his statement draws comparisons

Mr. Steinitz, in his statement, draws comparisons between professional chess players and lawyers, and cites the actions of the late Mr. Hellwitz, when he fection to professional chess is not in accord with the traditions of the club. He speaks in high terms of the new officers of the club, and says that it is a hopeful sign that the Board of Directors is com-posed of new mea was president of the club, to show that the ob-

A HOSPITAL TO BE THE BENEFICIARY. The Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Vincent's Hospital has perfected all arrangements for the musical, reception and dance at the Waldorf-Astoria, on Wednesday evening. The receipts from the sale of the boxes and seats are already large, and the success of the affair is assured. The proceeds will be devoted to furnishing the new wing of the hos-

Through the courtesy of M. Maurice Grau artist from the Metropolitan Opera House have generously volunteered. Miss Josephine Sullivan, harpist will make her first appearance before a New-York audience this year. The programme is as follows: Overture, "Gainthea" Lander's Orchestra,

"Stances"

M. Herman Devries.

(Courtesy of M. Maurice Grau.)

Harp solo, "Reverie"

Miss Josephine Sullivan.

Scena et aria ("Faust").

Gounod Miss Margo Hanway.

(Accompanied by Signor F. Fanciuli.)

Romanza "O'Paradiso" (L'Arricaine).

Meyerbeer

Signor Antoni Ceppi.

(Courtesy of M. Maurice Grau.)

"Lieti Signor!" ("Gil Ugnoti!").

Mrs. Amelia Devin.

(Accompanied by Chy. E. Marzo.)

"Noel Paicn"

M. Herman Devries.

Massenet M. Herman Devries. (Courtes) of M. Maurice Grau.)

CHARITY WORK IN DECEMBER.

THE CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY REPORTS THAT IT WAS ESPECIALLY HEAVY.

The Charity Organization Society reports an especially heavy month's work for December, not du o any considerable increase in the number of new families asking for assistance, but indicating that ous character was accomplished. The number of families under the care of district committees within the month was 1.183, considerably more than half of whom were already known to the soand encouraged for months, and, in some instances, for many years by friends secured for them through the agency of the society. The amount of cash relief which it was necessary to obtain within the month to supplement this more permanent and churches and individuals at the request of the sotioned includes only money which was paid dicases and by it disbursed to the beneficiaries. The aim of the society is to minimize this amount, and to establish direct relations of helpfulness and per-

alm of the society is to minimize this amount, and to establish direct relations of helpfulness and personal friendship among those who are able to help and those who are in need.

Relief was obtained from private sources within the month for 200 families, from churches or societies for 300 families. Friendly visitors reported work in behalf of 191 families, though this number is necessarily less than the number actually sided in that manner. District agents and visitors made within the month 5,044 visits. There were 1,624 cases in the Joint Application Bureau. The wood yard gave 781 days' work to men with homes, and lodgings. The total number of applicants received during the month was a little less than three thousand. Contributions received during the month amounted to \$8.842.

A special committee has been appointed by the society to co-operate in the pending revision of the building laws, sa far as such revision affects tenement and lodging houses. Special attention has also been given during the month to a method of co-operation with the Department of Charities, from which excellent results are anticipated. It is a plan for offering an alternative in those instances in which parents ask for the commitment of their children to public institutions at the expense of the city, and in which the character and previous history of the families concerned are such as to make it probable that with temporary private assistance which, of course, the city is not and should not be in a position to give. The severe weather has naturally increased the demands upon all charitable agencies for fuel, but with this exception the demands arising from actual lack of the necessaries of life are not so great during the present winter as to make impossible preventive and educational work.

NO STREET LIGHTING CONTRACTS AS YET.

NO STREET LIGHTING CONTRACTS AS YET. The Municipal Assembly has not yet given to ommissioner Kearny of the Department of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies permission to advertise for bids to light the streets of the city, and the electric light companies are supplying light the electric light companies are supplying light without contracts at present. Each company has a district which it lights. These districts are divided by the companies according to an arrangement among themselves. There is no competition for lighting, and there will be none this year. The companies, when the permission is given, will get the lighting of their old districts, and as the contracts will be let for the entire year they will be paid for what they are now doing.

MAYFLOWER BRINGS MAIL FROM CUBA. The auxiliary cruiser Mayflower, in command of Tompkinsville. She had one passenger on board-Ensign Day, of the Marbiehead. The Mayflower brought afteen sacks of mail, which were at once sent to the General Postoffice for distribution.

B. Altman& Co.

ORIENTAL CARPETS AND RUGS

B. Altmon & Co. Having given unusual care to the selection of ANTIQUE AND MODERN ORIENTAL CARPETS during the past season, announce an Exhibition and Sale on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 16th, 17th and 18th, as follows:

40 RARE SILK PERSIAN CARPETS AND RUGS. 80 ANTIQUE SARAK AND SERAPE CARPETS. AT EXTRAORDINARILY LOW PRICES.

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60 MODERN TURKISH AND PERSIAN CARPETS. In sizes from 8x11 feet to 12x16 feet.

15 Formerly \$70.00 to 100.00 reduced to \$55.00 69.00 85.00 " 125.00 [87.00 120.00 " 175.00

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, WILL OFFER 100 Kazakdja Rugs, in sizes about 3x4 feet 6 inches reduced from \$9.75 to

200 Mossoul and Persian Rugs, about 4x8 feet, reduced from \$19.50 and \$24.00 to . . \$14.50 & \$17.50

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MONDAY and TUESDAY, JANUARY 16th & 17th.

175 Pairs Renaissance and Marie Antionette Lace Curtains, the original prices of which were \$13.75 and \$14.50 per pair, reduced as follows:

Renaissance Lace Curtains, . . Marie Antoinette Lace Curtains, . . 8.50

Japanese Silk Mantel Lambrequins and Table Covers, gold embroidered, in assorted colors and designs.

Lambrequins, . \$1.35, \$1.90, \$2.90, \$3.85 Table Covers (1 yard square). . . . Embossed Plush Squares, suitable for Sofa Cushions and Candle Stands,

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80 BRASS BEDSTEADS, \$18.50 & \$28.00

Pure Hair Mattresses, Feather Pillows and Bolsters made to order in their workrooms at reasonable prices.

Eighteenth Street, Nineteenth Street and Sixth Avenue.

LOOKING FOR AN HEIRESS.

LAWYERS TRYING TO FIND MRS. DAWSON, WHO, THEY SAY, HAS INHERITED \$200,000.

William F. Howe, of Howe & Hummel, said yesterday that his firm had been engaged by a firm ung woman who is supposed to be in this counher father on his death recently in England.

The young woman is Mrs. Reginaid Dawson.
She was Miss Ellen Archibald, daughter of Captain George A. Archibald, an English officer, who
was living in Calcutta when his daughter cloped
with Reginald Dawson and was married to him.
The pair first went to London, and later came to
this country, where they are supposed to be living
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new.

Captain Archibald died about three years ago and left his property to his daughter. Since then all efforts at finding her nave been unsuccessful. Mr. Howe said yesterday that no clew as to where the missing woman is had yet been discovered.

DISPLAY OF THE FRENCH COOKS. The annual ball of the Société Culinaire Philanthropique, familiarly known as the French Cooks' Ball, will be an unusually brilliant affair this year, and the date set for this function is February 7. nual exhibition of the masterpieces in calinary art

THE OLD GUARD RECEPTION. The Old Guard, Major S. Ellis Briggs command

their scores of civic and military friends at the Metropolitan Opera House, which edifice will be decorated in all its glory in honor of the affair. tractions offered by this corps for the gratification of those who are to be present. most important adjunct, promises to be first class. most important adjunct, promises to be first class. The decorations will be pleasing and in patriotic good taste. The marked feature of the reception will be, as for many winters, the midnight march and review of the Old Guard Veteran Battalion, in which they will be assisted by every soldier in the Opera House. From the day when the Old Guard's reception was announced the demand for tickets and hoxes has surpassed all former experience of the corps, and its success is fully assured.

IN INTEREST OF AN INDUSTRIAL FARM. The Berkshire Industrial Farm, an institution for saving and reforming wild, wayward and victously inclined boys, which has been before the public since 1888, will hold a meeting at the Church of the Incarnation, Madison-ave, and Thirty-fifth-st., on

Thursday at 8 p. m. The Rev. Dr. Grosvenor, long familiar with the farm when rector of the Episcopal Church at Lenox, will open the meeting, and will be followed by able speakers. Joseph H. Choate, Charlton T. Lewis, one of the present trustees, and Dorman B. Eaton, one of its earliest trustees, will be among

This useful non-sectarian charity is almost alone in its work. It receives these boys, who are on the verge of becoming criminals, removes them Sealskin Caps and Gloves, for lined Over-conts at lowest possible prices for reliable goods. C. C. Shayne, W. 42d St.

from their companions and the scenes of their temptations, and places them in the Berkshire Hills, a beautiful and healthful country, and with strict discipline, regular work, home life and religious influences, seeks at this critical time to turn their young lives from the criminal tendency to that of the honest, self-respecting citizen. How this is done will be explained, and is well worth hearing about.

REDUCED RATES FROM TEXAS.

The Merchants' Association has prepared a cirfrom Texas, and showing to merchants of that section how advantage may be taken of them. Mer-chants who are members of the Merchants' Assodirect to their customers can obtain such circu-lars free on application at the rooms of the Merchants' Association.

The Merchants' Association is also preparing cirulars announcing reduced rates from the other territories in which such rates have been granted. a small booklet showing why it is to the best in-terests of out-of-town merchants to visit this trade centre. Copies of this will be sent to all out-of-town merchants in the United States.

PROMISES FOR THE ARION BALL. More elaborate preparations, it is announced, are than ever before characterized the efforts of the Committee of Arrangements. The entire interior of Madison Square Garden will be made to represent the Garden of the Gods, and for the purpose of decoration alone \$30,000 has been voted by the so-ciety. The decorations will exceed in beauty and cost anything of the kind ever heretofore attempted by the Arion Society. All the known devices of tunction with the decorator's art. It is well understood that this organization of representative Germans never spares expense in the giving of its annual ball. Every year it is resolved to outdo the previous season's display, and this year the same determination is manifest.

From the main entrance the eye of the visitor will be dazzled by the beauty and richness of the scene. Many earleatures of local and National characters will be on view, and many pictorial allusions to the leading occurrences in the war with Spain will come under review. As usual, the principal features of the procession will be shown principal features of the procession will be shown on monster floats. This special part of the programme will exceed in elaborateness all former attempts. In the ballet, always a part of the night's festivities, many innovations will be introduced. For the comfort and convenience of the crowd the committee has formulated material improvements which will, it is hoped, tend to avoid confusion. The police and carriage arrangements will be excellent.

SISTERS OF SI. FRANCIS BUY PROPERTY. The Missionary Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, who have headquarters at Peekskill, Westchester County, have acquired title to No. 15 West One-burdred-sud-twen y-righth-st. from Janet Mo-Adam for \$17,000, of which \$16,000 remains on mortgage payable sixty days after the death of the mortgagee, without interest. The Sisters have and taken title for a nominal consideration to the adjoining parcel, No. 17 West One-hundred-and-twenty-eighth-st., from Caroline M. Boyce.